

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS18190**

This section of Idaho Code refers to the Bunker Hill Cleanup Site, which at the time of adoption was known and understood to be a 21 square mile area in the Kellogg/Smelterville area known as the “Box.” The statute provides authority and direction to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding property transferred to the State by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of Superfund remedial action. In 2002 EPA effectively expanded the geographic area of the Site to include what is called Operable Unit 3 which broadly includes areas outside the “Box” extending from Mullan to the Idaho/Washington State line. EPA will likely take ownership of properties as part of Superfund settlements or property transfers related to remedial activities. Under federal Superfund law EPA must transfer such land to the State of Idaho. Amending the statute to include any Operable Unit of the EPA Bunker Hill Superfund Site will clarify DEQ’s authority concerning any properties within the Site but outside the “Box.”

### **FISCAL NOTE**

There is no negative fiscal impact.

Managing, leasing, or disposing of property for the purpose of facilitating operation and maintenance (O&M) activities should reduce the State’s O&M obligations at the Bunker Hill Superfund Site resulting in net positive fiscal impact. It is not possible to estimate the value of the positive impact at this time.

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